

LONDON COMMUNITY CHURCH

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2022

Charity Registration Number: 292014

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LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Name	London Community Church.
Registered Charity Number	292014
Trustees	<p>The Trustees who served during the year or who were serving at the date of this report were:</p> <p>Adam Bewsher David J Goodship (Chair) Leigh J Turner Duncan Vann</p>
Key Management Personnel	Those in charge of directing, controlling, running and operating the church on a day to day basis are the Trustees, Chris Williams (elder), Nikki Williams (manager) and Malcolm Turner (elder).
Legal Status	Unincorporated Charity
Governing Instrument	Declaration of Trust dated 3 April 1985, amended by Special Resolution of 24 March 2003
Objects	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The advancement of the Christian faith and the worship of God• To provide relief to people who are in need, hardship or distress or who are aged or sick• The advancement of education on the basis of Christian principles
Principal Address	14 Dersingham Road, Cricklewood, LONDON NW2 1SL
Primary Bankers	Lloyds Banking Group, Covent Garden Branch, Southampton Row, LONDON WC1B 5HR
Independent Examiner	John Helm ACA, Tandem Accounting 17 Heathville Road London N19 3AL

TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the London Community Church ("the Church") for the year ended 31 December 2022. The financial statements have been prepared in the format prescribed the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP2015 (FRS102)) and the Financial Reporting Standard 102. The legal and administrative information set out earlier in this document forms part of this report.

1. ORGANISATION AND MANAGEMENT

The Church's affairs are normally conducted under the supervision and leadership of a team of elders. Trustees are appointed by the elders. A trustee can be removed by a resolution passed by a simple majority of the members of the Church.

Currently one of the elders acts in a full-time capacity within the Church and is responsible for day-to-day management. Responsibility for different areas of Church life is delegated to members by the elders. The elders meet together regularly and consult regularly with a wider group of leaders consisting of the elders, their spouses, and other couples in Church leadership. Formal trustee meetings are held at least three times a year and the elders meet informally with the trustees frequently throughout the year at various Church activities and events and maintain a close working relationship together.

Apart from the full-time elder and paid office help, nearly all of the Church's activities and programmes are carried out with volunteer help from Church members, without which the Church would be unable to function, the trustees are very grateful for the help received from the volunteers.

To assist in achieving the objectives, the Church works closely with a wider group of churches known as Global Horizons, a separately registered UK charity. The Church is a member of the Evangelical Alliance.

Christopher Williams and Malcolm Turner continued to serve as elders throughout the year. Christopher Williams continued to serve as the full-time elder. Adam Bewsher, David Goodship, Leigh Turner and Duncan Vann continued to serve as Trustees throughout the year.

Risk Assessment

The trustees regularly review the major risks which the Church faces. They believe that maintaining the free reserves referred to below, combined with an annual review of the controls over key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

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2. ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECTS

During the course of the year the Church carried out the following activities in order to achieve the objects set out in the Trust Deed:

- Held public meetings, some virtual, in accordance with the Christian faith for worship, prayer and teaching;
- Made recordings of Sunday teaching and midweek meetings available on the internet to a wide audience free of charge and without restriction;
- Assisted and supported individuals in the outworking of their Christian faith through small group virtual meetings;
- Assisted and supported individuals in the outworking of their Christian faith on a one-to-one basis;
- Ran teaching programmes for children and teenagers, some virtual;
- Organised community events to reach out with the gospel;
- Provided financial and practical support to mission organisations, and individual missionaries, working in both the UK and overseas;
- Provided training in leadership through virtual meetings with a number of Church members as they take responsibility for aspects of Church life (including leading worship teams, providing one-to-one care, teaching and preaching on Sundays and in small group settings, organising events and meetings, etc);
- Continued to run a 'Streets Food Project' initiative weekly within the O2 community venue. Responding to the pandemic environment, cost of living crisis and the War in Ukraine, to distribute food parcels to more than 100 people (poor and in need) in the local community, and to Ukrainian refugees, supported by local volunteers.
- Forged links with other charitable bodies, e.g. Holy Trinity Brompton, JW3 and Camden council to maintain the "Streets food project" which is still ongoing in the community.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have considered the public benefit guidance and consider that all activities carried out by the Church pass the public benefit test. In particular, each of the three charitable objects of the Church is supported by at least one activity in the list above and in practice most activities contribute to at least two of the objects.

There are no material restrictions on participating in any Church activities based on financial need. Our public meetings (every Sunday and some midweek meetings – some virtual) are open to all free of charge. Although Church members are asked to make a financial commitment to the Church, there is no minimum commitment and no one is excluded on the grounds of finance.

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3. GOING CONCERN

Each year it's the Trustees' responsibility to state whether or not the annual accounts have been drawn up on a going concern basis (see the accounting policy note on page 11). Going concern is the assumption that an entity, in this case the Church, has the resources (financial or otherwise) needed to continue operating for the foreseeable future and in particular, for at least 12 months from the date of approval by the Trustees of these annual accounts. If the going concern principle did not apply then the accounts would be drawn up on an insolvent basis.

The Trustees has reviewed its financial forecast for 2023. This review indicates that whilst there may continue to be a deficit in 2023, steps will be taken to reduce expenditure. Accordingly, it has concluded that it is appropriate to prepare the 2022 Accounts on a going-concern basis.

4. FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Church's main sources of funding are the free will tithes and offerings of Church members and others in attendance.

4.1 Financial Activity and Financial Position

The Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet can be found on pages 9 and 10 respectively. The Church's reserves decreased by £12,252 (2021: decreased by £232) during the year. The balance sheet shows total net assets of £104,261 (2021: £116,513). The trustees are confident that as there are no longer long term commitments, income and expenditure can continue to be closely matched.

4.2 Reserves Policy

The trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the Church's need. This is based on the Church's size and level of financial commitments. The Trustees aim to ensure that the Church will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The Trustees do not set aside funds unnecessarily. Currently reserves are set aside above those needed for day to day matters referred to above. At 31 December 2022 the Church had net free reserves of £44,513 (2021: £58,106) as follows:

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	2022 £	2021 £
Total reserves	104,261	116,513
Less: restricted funds	(59,230)	(58,166)
Less: unrestricted fixed assets	(518)	(241)
Free reserves	44,513	58,106
Free reserves requirement:		
3 month's budgeted routine expenditure	23,992	23,040

4.3 Grant-making policy

The Church provides regular support to Global Horizons, a charity which supports a network of churches of which London Community Church is a part and also for Alan and Betty Scotland who lead Global Horizons. The Trustees also receive individual applications for grants which are dealt with individually by reference to the funds available and the Trustees' perceptions of the merits of the application.

5. PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The Church plans to continue its current activities in order to achieve the objects set out in the Trust Deed. With the successful establishment of the "Streets food project", it is intended to continue to provide for Ukrainian Refugees and the surrounding communities, including volunteering opportunities, as well as food in the near term whilst the war in Ukraine and economic hardship continues.

6. TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

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- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

7. APPROVAL

Approved by the Trustees on 3 October 2023

Signed on their behalf by Trustee

David Goodship
Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

I report to the trustees of London Community Church on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022 set out on pages 9-17.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The organisation's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The organisation's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the organisation and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiners statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the church as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

John Helm ACA
3 October 2023

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and Legacies	2a	76,562	7,121	83,683	87,981	1,795	89,776
Charitable Activities	2b	31	0	31	2,150	0	2,150
Total		76,593	7,121	83,714	90,131	1,795	91,926
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	3a	5	0	5	(612)	0	(612)
Charitable activities	3b	89,904	6,057	95,961	92,141	629	92,770
Total		89,909	6,057	95,966	91,529	629	92,158
Net (expenditure)/income		(13,316)	1,064	(12,252)	(1,398)	1,166	(232)
Transfers between funds		0	0	0	0	0	0
Net Movement in Funds		(13,316)	1,064	(12,252)	(1,398)	1,166	(232)
Reconciliation of Funds:							
Total Funds Brought Forward		58,347	58,166	116,513	59,745	57,000	116,745
Total Funds Carried Forward		45,031	59,230	104,261	58,347	58,166	116,513

Movements on all reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above.

The notes on pages 13 -17 form part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 31 Dec 2022	Total 31 Dec 2021
FIXED ASSETS:					
Tangible Assets	4	518	0	518	241
CURRENT ASSETS:					
Debtors	5	15,326	0	15,326	14,752
Cash at Bank and in hand	6	30,272	59,230	89,502	103,746
		45,598	59,230	104,828	118,498
LIABILITIES:					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	1,085	0	1,085	2,226
NET CURRENT ASSETS		44,513	59,230	103,743	116,272
NET ASSETS		45,031	59,230	104,261	116,513
Represented by:					
Unrestricted Funds		45,031	0	46,073	58,347
Restricted Funds	8	0	59,230	58,188	58,166
TOTAL FUNDS		45,031	59,230	104,261	116,513

The notes on pages 11-17 form part of these financial statements

Approved by the Trustees on 3 October 2023

Signed on their behalf by Trustee

David Goodship

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102). The financial statements are drawn up on the historical cost basis of accounting.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Trustees are responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of Church groups that owe an affiliation to another body or those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

The London Community Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties about the Church's ability to continue as a going concern and accordingly the accounts have been drawn up on a going concern basis.

Income recognition

Voluntary income and donations (including legacies) are accounted for once the Church has entitlement to the income, it is probable the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be reliably measured.

Income from the recovery of tax on gift aided donations is accounted for in the period to which the relevant donation is received. Grant income is recognised on a receivable basis.

The income from trading activities includes rental income from the letting of the Church's premises which is accounted for when earned. It is shown gross, with the associated costs included in fundraising costs.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Church; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

Expenditure recognition

Expenditure is accrued as soon as a liability is considered probable, and the amount of obligation can be measured reliably. Longer term liabilities are discounted to present value. Although the Church is registered for VAT under the Flat Rate Scheme, VAT is irrecoverable and therefore expenditure includes VAT where appropriate.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Charitable expenditure includes those costs in fulfilling The Church's principal objects, as outlined in the Report of the Trustees. These include grants made, governance costs and support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the Church and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to the independent examination and legal fees.

Rentals under operating leases are charged as incurred over the term of the lease.

Tangible Fixed Assets

Expenditure is capitalised if the asset can be used for more than one year and costs at least £75. Assets are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

Depreciation is calculated at a rate to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives. The rates applied per annum are as follows:

Café Fittings and Equipment	20% straight line basis
Fixtures and Fittings and Office Equipment	20% straight line basis
PA and Meeting Equipment	20% straight line basis
Leasehold land and buildings	Straight line basis over the remaining period of the lease

Debtors

Debtors are included at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of opening of the deposit.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation arising from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount.

Fund accounting

The funds held by the charity are either:

- Unrestricted general funds - these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.
- Restricted funds - these are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2. INCOME

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2022	Total 2021
(a) Donations and legacies				
Gifts and Donations	58,199	0	58,199	68,636
Regular Offerings	3,333	0	3,333	2,358
Property Fund Donations	0	0	0	0
Mission Fund Donations	0	1,620	1,620	1,900
Covid Donations	0	3,001	3,001	2,538
Covid Grants	0	2,500	2,500	0
Tax Recoverable	15,030	0	15,030	14,344
	76,562	7,121	83,683	89,776
(b) Charitable Activities				
Miscellaneous Income	31	0	31	2,150
	31	0	31	2,150
	79,594	4,120	83,714	91,926

3. EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2022	Total 2021
(a) Expenditure on Raising Funds – Café				
Utilities	0	0	0	(517)
Depreciation	5	0	5	60
Property Rent & Rates	0	0	0	128
Insurance, Licences & Permits	0	0	0	(283)
	5	0	5	(612)

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3. EXPENDITURE (CONTINUED)

(b) Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2022	Total 2021
Activities				
Charitable Grants (see note below)	6,185	6,003	12,188	12,316
People Costs	69,994	0	69,994	69,835
Conference Fees	652	0	652	0
Other Training costs	131	0	131	57
Property Rental	5,021	0	5,021	1,793
Equipment Costs	931	0	931	901
Depreciation	61	0	61	62
Telephones	475	0	475	576
Printing Postage and Stationery	755	54	809	863
Travel Costs	116	0	116	114
Hospitality Costs	3,002	0	3,002	1,445
Insurance	347	0	347	343
Licences & Permits	578	0	578	407
Bank Service Charges	221	0	221	224
Sundry expenses	405	0	405	670
Professional Fees	130	0	130	1454
Independent Examiner Fees	900	0	900	1710
	89,904	6,057	95,961	92,770

Staff Costs and Numbers

Included within expenditure are the following staff costs:

	Total 2022	Total 2021
Salaried staff	0	0
Contracted staff	69,994	69,835
Employers National Insurance	0	0
Employer Allowance	0	0
Pension Contributions	0	0
	69,994	69,835
Of which the following contract payments were made in relation to Key Management Personnel:	68,400	68,400

Full time equivalent people represented	1.6	1.6
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3. EXPENDITURE (CONTINUED)

The Charity no longer operates a PAYE scheme for employed members of staff but no employee received emoluments greater than £60,000 (2021: None)

The charity makes payments on a self-employed basis, and the charity also uses volunteers and casual labour to further the Church's objects. The full-time elder is self-employed.

Charitable Grants

Included within expenditure are the following charitable grants made in accordance with the objects of the Church:

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2022	Total 2021
To organisations:				
Global Horizons	6,000	0	6,000	6,000
Holy Trinity Brompton	0	2,500	2,500	0
To individuals:	185	3,503	3,688	6,316
	6,185	6,003	12,188	12,316

4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

		Café Fittings & Equipment	PA & Meeting Equipment	Fixtures Fittings & Office Equipment	Leasehold Land & Buildings	Total
Cost or Valuation						
At start of the year	1 Jan 2022	298	17,803	9,246	0	27,347
Additions		0	344	0	0	344
Disposals		0	0	0	0	0
At end of the year	31 Dec 2022	298	18,148	9,246	0	27,692
Depreciation and impairments						
At start of the year	1 Jan 2022	293	17,569	9,246	0	27,108
Depreciation Charge		5	61	0	0	66
Disposals		0	0	0	0	0
At end of the year	31 Dec 2022	298	17,629	9,246	0	27,173
Net Book Value	31 Dec 2022	0	518	0	0	518
Net Book Value	31 Dec 2021	5	235	0	0	240

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5. DEBTORS

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2022	Total 2021
Tax recoverable	15,020	0	15,020	14,342
Prepayments and Accrued Income	306	0	306	410
Café Rent Deposit	0	0	0	0
	15,326	0	15,326	14,752

6. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2022	Total 2021
Cash in Hand	93	0	93	92
Lloyds Current Account	5,526	52,928	58,454	59,876
Lloyds Deposit Account	325	0	325	325
CAF Current Account	24,317	6,302	30,619	43,442
CAF Deposit Account	11	0	11	11
	30,272	59,230	89,502	103,746

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2022	Total 2021
Creditors and Accruals	100	0	100	100
Lloyds Charge Card	85	0	85	416
Independent Examiner Fees	900	0	900	1,710
	1,085	0	1,085	2,226

8. RESTRICTED FUNDS

8a Current year

	At 1 Jan 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 Dec 2022
Property Fund - Funds	52,928	0	0	0	52,928
Streets Food Project	0	5,501	4,459	0	1,042
Mission Fund	5,238	1,620	1,598	0	5,260
	58,166	7,121	6,057	0	59,230

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8. RESTRICTED FUNDS (continued)

8b Prior year

	At 1 Jan 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 Dec 2021
Property Fund - Funds	52,928	0	0	0	52,928
Property Fund - Lease	0	0	0	0	0
Mission Fund	4,072	1,795	629	0	5,238
	57,000	1,795	629	0	58,166

Descriptions of the funds:

Property Fund - This was originally set up to purchase a building for church use. In 2016 we did purchase a lease for a building - this was subsequently closed.

Streets Food Project - funds given by external donors for the 'Streets Food Project' initiative. This meets weekly within the O2 community venue, responding to the pandemic environment, cost of living crisis and the War in Ukraine.

Mission Fund - funds given to support missionary activities. Most of this funding supports 2 missionaries in Zambia, largely spent on fuel for a vehicle.

9. TRUSTEES AND OTHER RELATED PARTIES

Helen Spiby, the wife of Duncan Vann, a trustee, received a ministry gift of £1,000 (2021: £500) during the year.

No other payments (2021: £770) were made to any trustee or persons connected with them other than reimbursements of expenses incurred whilst carrying out Church business.

The Trustees gave a total of £5,186 (2021: £4,296) in unrestricted offerings and donations during the year.